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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, and 45-80 are pending for consideration, and claims 17-44 are currently withdrawn. Specifically, in the office action of July 26, 2007, the following actions were taken:

- (1) claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 45-80 were allowed;
- (2) claims 11 and 12 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim; and
- (3) claims 10 and 13-16 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-33 of U.S. Patent No. 9,958,181.

It is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims be reconsidered and allowed. Applicants submit that each and every amendment herein, and throughout the prosecution of the present application is fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.

As a preliminary matter, it appears that claims 10-16, which were previously withdrawn from consideration, have now been examined by the Examiner; and further, it appears that the restriction requirement to these specific claims has been effectively withdrawn. Thus, the claim identifiers of claims 10-16 have been changed from "withdrawn" to "previously presented" because of the apparent examination that has taken place by the Examiner. The claims are in fact unamended, but because they were withdrawn and then reinstated, the Applicant has labeled them as "previously presented." Since claims 11 and 12 are in allowable condition, and claims 10 and 13-16 would be in allowable condition subject to the filing of a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,958,181, the Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer herein to put these claims in condition for allowance as well. Further, the remaining withdrawn claims are canceled herein so that a notice of allowance can be issued without further delay.

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after consideration of the above remarks, and such impediment could be removed during a telephone

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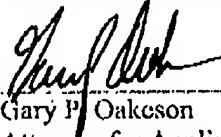
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interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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